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STARS Steering Committee Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

## Dear STARS administrators:

Oregon State University is pleased to submit our Fiscal Year 2021 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) data. As reflected in OSU's Strategic Plan, sustainability and protection of Earth's vital ecosystems are key priorities for this university. They are also important to me, as I work to advance OSU's commitment to reduce carbon emissions and increase equity and wellbeing for all Oregonians.

Last year, Oregon State became the first institution to submit ten STARS reports. With this eleventh submission. I hope it's clear what value we place on sustainability work and on STARS, both as a sustainability management tool but also as a teaching tool. We pride ourselves in being among a small number of institutions that complete a full STARS assessment each year. We routinely use STARS to provide experiential learning opportunities to our students and to communicate our work to a broad community of stakeholders. STARS plays a role in fulfilling OSU's land grant mission.

During my time as interim president, my goals include accelerating progress toward decarbonization of university activities and advancing OSU's role in creating a more sustainable, just and equitable society. I'm pleased to have tools like STARS to help achieve our goals, and I look forward to our continued participation as a Charter Participant.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson

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Interim President